

Attorney Docket No. LAGP:114US
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/696,719
Reply to Office Action of September 1, 2006
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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings are replacement drawings for Figures 1a, 1b, 2, 3a, 3b and 4. These sheets replace the original sheets to address the lack of uniformity in the lines, numbers and letters. No new matter has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets for Figures 1a, 1b, 2, 3a, 3b and 4.

Remarks/Arguments

Objections of Claims 2, 14, 15, and 17

Claims 2, 14, 15 and 17 were objected to for informalities. Claim 2 has been amended by changing the phrase “optical component(s) is/are” to “at least one optical component is” in line 1 of Claim 2. This amendment removes the objected language and places the claim in condition for allowance.

Claim 14 was amended by changing “magnetic” to “magnet” in line 5 in Claim 14. This amendment removes the objected language and places the claim in condition for allowance.

Claim 15 was amended by changing “magnetic” to “magnet” in lines 1 and 2 of Claim 15. This amendment removes the objected language and places the claim in condition for allowance.

Claim 17 was amended by adding “at” after “secure” in line 2 of Claim 17. This amendment removes the objected language and places the claim in condition for allowance.

Rejection of Claims 1-13 Under 35 USC §112, second paragraph

In the Office Action of September 1, 2006 the Examiner rejected Claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particular point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and request reconsideration.

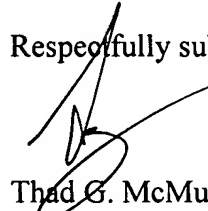
The Examiner indicated that Claims 14-19 were allowable, and that Claims 1-13 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112. Applicants courteously point out that Claims 1-13 have been amended to address the use of language that lacked antecedent basis, and thus have placed Claims 1-13 in condition for allowance. Therefore, Claims 1-19 are allowable and Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance, which action is courteously requested. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney of record if such contact will facilitate an efficient examination and allowance of the application.

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Appendix